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Applicant: Phillips
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Title: Surgical Retractor Having Curved Arms

Examiner: Comstock
Group A.U.: 3732

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The Applicant received the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 28, 2005 and observed that claim 8 was amended but its status indicator indicated it was the original claim. Enclosed is a replacement set of claims with the proper identifier showing that claim 8 is currently amended with the filing made on June 8, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 22, 2005

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